IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 **(currently amended)**. An abuse-proofed~~, thermoformed~~ dosage form containing,

one or more active ingredients with abuse potential (A) selected from the group consisting of opiates and opioids,

optionally physiologically acceptable auxiliary substances (B),

at least one synthetic or natural polymer (C) comprising a polyalkylene oxide having a molecular weight of ~~at least 0.5 million~~ **1-15 million** according to rheological measurements, and

optionally at least one wax (D),

~~wherein~~ **said dosage form being a sintered mass and said** component (C) ~~is~~ **being** present in ~~quantities such that the dosage form has~~ **an amount sufficient to result in** a breaking strength of **said sintered mass of** at least 500 N and wherein the active ingredient with abuse potential (A) is present in a controlled release matrix of component (C)..

Claim 2 (previously presented). The dosage form according to claim 1, which is in the form of a tablet.

Claim 3. Cancelled.

Claim 4 (previously presented). The dosage form according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer (C) is at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polymethylene oxide, polypropylene oxide, copolymers and the mixtures thereof.

Claim 5. Cancelled.

Claim 6 Cancelled.

Claim 7 (previously presented). The dosage form according to Claim 1, wherein the wax (D) is at least one natural, semi-synthetic or synthetic wax with a softening point of at least 60°C.

Claim 8 (previously presented). The dosage form according to claim 7, wherein the wax (D) is carnauba wax or beeswax.

Claims 9 - 26. Cancelled.

Claim 27 **(currently amended).** A process for the production of a dosage form according to claim 1, wherein components (A), the optionally present component (B), component (C) and the optionally present component (D) are mixed, and
the resultant mixture, optionally after granulation, is press-formed ~~**to yield the dosage form**~~ **,** with preceding~~**,**~~ **or** simultaneous exposure to heat**, to form a sintered mass**.

Claim 28 (previously presented). The process according to claim 27, wherein granulation is performed by means of a melt process.

Claim 29 (previously presented). ~~**The**~~ **A** dosage form **obtained by the process of claim 27** ~~**according to claim 1 obtainable by a process wherein components (A), the optionally present component (B), component (C) and the optionally present component (D) are mixed, and the resultant mixture, optionally after granulation, is press-formed to yield the dosage form with preceding; or simultaneous, exposure to heat**~~.

Claim 30. Cancelled.

Claim 31 (previously presented). The dosage form according to claim 4, wherein polymer (C) is polyethylene oxide.

Claims 32-40. Cancelled.